GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:405
ANSWERED ON:16.04.2001
HIGH SPEED DATA NETWORK
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have accorded approval to any proposal to set up high speed data network Sankhya Vahini;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Foreign Direct Investment is being allowed in the project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the network is likely to be made operational?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STA QUESTION NO. 405 FOR 16TH APRIL, 2001 REGARDING HIGH SPEED DATA NETWORK.

Government had approved the proposal for formation of Sankhya Vahini India Limited (SVIL), a Joint Venture Company to be formed by the then Department of Telecom Services, Ministry of Information Technology, certain educational institutions in India and IUNet, a foreign company. The equity of the foreign partner, IUNet, is proposed to be kept at 49%.

In view of the changed situation on account of corporatisation of the Department of Telecom Services and formation of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), it was suggested that the matter may again be placed before the Government. Further action will be taken after a decision is taken in this regard.